

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of driving a plasma display panel having an active area for displaying a picture and a non-display area being adjacent thereto at the upper and lower sides of the active area, wherein an initialization signals are applied to at least one partial ones of scan electrodes at the active area and at least two partial ones of dummy electrodes positioned within the non-display area are during an initialization period of at least one sub-field and the initialization signal of the at least two dummy electrodes and the initialization signal of the at least one scan electrode are similar in shape~~driven with an identical signal.~~

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The method as claimed in claim 1~~ A method of driving a plasma display panel having an active area for displaying a picture and a non-display area being adjacent thereto at the upper and lower sides of the active area, wherein an initialization signals are applied to at least one of scan electrodes at the active area and at least two dummy electrodes positioned within the non-display area during an initialization period of at least one sub-field and the initialization signal of the at least two dummy electrodes and the initialization signal of the at least one scan electrode are similar in shape, wherein said at least partial ones of the one other

~~dummy electrodes~~electrode at the non-display area and at least one of sustain electrodes at the active area are supplied with a direct current voltage during at least a partial period of ~~an~~the initialization period ~~for initializing cells and~~ during at least a partial period of an address period ~~for selecting said cells.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~an initializing waveform for initializing the entire cells is applied to the at least partial ones of the dummy electrodes at the non display area and the scan electrodes at the active area during the initialization period, and a direct current voltage~~voltages ~~is~~are applied to the at least two ~~partial ones of the dummy electrodes at the non-display area and~~ the at least one of the scan electrodes at the active area during at least a partial period of an address period of the at least one sub-field, and a scan signal is further provided to the at least one of the scan electrodes at the active area during at least a partial period the address period of the at least one sub-field.

4. (Currently Amended) A driving apparatus for a plasma display panel having an active area for displaying a picture and a non-display area being adjacent thereto at the upper and lower sides of the active area, said apparatus comprising:

a driver for driving at least ~~partial ones~~one of scan electrodes at the active area and at least ~~partial ones of two~~ dummy electrodes positioned within the non-display area, ~~with an~~

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identical signal said driver including a scan driver to apply initialization signals to the at least one dummy electrode positioned within the non-display area and the at least one scan electrode at the active area during an initialization period of the at least one sub-field, wherein the initialization signal of the at least two dummy electrodes and the initialization signal of the at least one scan electrode are similar in shape.

5. (Currently Amended) The driving apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said driver further includes:

a sustain driver for applying a ~~direct current voltage~~ voltages to said at least ~~partial ones of the one other dummy electrodes~~ electrode at the non-display area and at least one of sustain electrodes at the active area during at least a partial period of ~~an~~ the initialization period ~~for initializing cells and during at least a partial period of an address period for selecting said cells~~ of the at least one sub-field.

6. (Currently Amended) The driving apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~said driver includes: a~~ the scan driver further applies ~~for applying an initializing waveform for initializing the entire cells to the at least partial ones of the dummy electrodes at the non-display area and the scan electrodes at the active area during an initialization period and for applying a direct current~~ voltage ~~voltages~~ to the at least two ~~partial ones of the dummy electrodes at the~~

non-display area and the at least one of the scan electrodes at the active area during at least a partial period of an address period of the at least one sub-field, and a scan signal is further provided to the at least one of the scan electrodes at the active area during at least a partial period of the address period of the at least one sub-field.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~43~~, wherein said at least ~~partial ones~~ one of the scan electrodes and the at least ~~ones~~ two of the dummy electrodes ~~receive similar signals during part of an initialization period and receive a similar direct current voltage~~ voltages during at least part a partial period of an address period.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least ~~partial ones~~ one of the sustain electrodes and at least ~~ones of the~~ one other dummy electrodes ~~electrode~~ receive similar ~~signals~~ direct current voltages during ~~part~~ at least a partial period of an the initialization period and ~~part~~ during at least a partial period of an address period.

9. (Currently Amended) The driving apparatus as claimed in claim ~~46~~, wherein said ~~driver includes a scan driver to apply~~ applies similar ~~signals~~ direct current voltages to said at least ~~partial ones~~ one of the scan electrodes and the at least ~~ones~~ two of the dummy electrodes ~~during part of an initialization period and~~ during at least part a partial period of an address period.

10. (Currently Amended) The driving apparatus as claimed in claim 4~~5~~, wherein ~~said driver includes a sustain driver to apply~~ applies similar signals direct current voltages to at least ~~partial ones~~ one of sustain electrodes and at least ~~ones of the~~ one other dummy electrodes electrode during ~~part at least a partial period of an~~ the initialization period and ~~part at least a partial period of~~ an address period.

11. (Currently Amended) A plasma display driving method comprising:
applying first signals to scan electrodes of a plasma display panel; and
applying second signals to first dummy electrodes of the plasma display panel, the second signals being substantially identical to the first signals, wherein each of the first signals is provided to a corresponding scan electrode, and each of the second signals is provided to a corresponding first dummy electrode, and a waveform of the first signal and a waveform of the second signal provided during an initialization period are substantially the same.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The plasma display driving method of claim 1~~2~~11, wherein a waveform of the first signal and a waveform of the second signal provided during an address

period are substantially the same except for a scan waveform being provided within the waveform of the first signal, and wherein a waveform of the first signal and a waveform of the second signal provided during a sustain period are substantially the same.

14. (Currently Amended) The plasma display driving method of claim 11, further comprising:

applying third signals to sustain electrodes of the plasma display panel; and
applying fourth signals to second dummy electrodes, the third signals being substantially identical to the fourth signals during ~~part of~~ an initialization period and during ~~part of~~ an address period.

15. (Currently Amended) The plasma display driving method of claim 14, wherein the third signals applied to the sustain electrodes and the fourth signals applied to the second dummy electrodes include a direct current voltage applied during ~~part~~ at least a partial period of the initialization period and ~~part~~ at least a partial period of the address period.

16 (New) The method of claim 1, wherein one of the at least two dummy electrodes is provided in an upper non-display area and the other is provided in a lower non-display area.

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17 (New) The driving apparatus of claim 4, wherein one of the at least two dummy electrodes is provided in an upper non-display area and the other is provided in a lower non-display area.